

Dear Appropriations Committee members:

Propelled by the promises inherent in such initiatives such as 21st Century UConn and NextGen Connecticut, the School of Engineering has successfully recruited many outstanding faculty members in recent years. If the proposed cuts to the state block grant to UConn were not ameliorated, not only would these faculty members struggle to realize their academic potential at UConn, they might very well choose to relocate to our peer institutions. That would jeopardize the upward trajectory that our flagship public research university has been following and would seriously impact our ability to recruit new faculty in the future.

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